

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **DRUG ALLERGY ASSESSMENT**

Function Category: ☒ PATIENT-FOCUSED ☐ ORGANIZATION ☐ STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Assessment of Patients** Heading: **Practice Guidelines/Protocols/Parameters**

Key Word(s): **Drug Allergies**

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Purpose: The purpose of the drug allergy assessment is to assist the physician in determining whether a noted allergy is genuine or just a simple side effect or intolerance. This could help avoid situations where patients are given medications (or their relatives) to which they are truly allergic, or denied opportunities to receive essential, helpful medications to which they were not experiencing true allergy.

Brief Description: 1. Patients with noted drug allergies will be interviewed within 2 days of admission by the pharmacist to obtain the details and determine the validity of the allergies.
2. A documentation will be made in the chart under the Interdisciplinary Notes that an allergy assessment was completed.
3. The pharmacist will complete the Pharmacy Allergy Assessment form.
4. The pharmacist will notify the physician of the findings via the Allergy Assessment form and, when appropriate, via verbal discussion.

Selection Basis/Criteria:

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

☐ Photographs ☐ Video Tape ☐ Drawings ☐ Manual

☐ Other : _____

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